



Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Birch Communications, Inc. – Access Services Tariff Revision

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the electronic copy of an access tariff revision submitted on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. This filing introduces a volume service offering. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of April 1, 2010.

The following pages are included in this filing:

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 2

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2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Page 3

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1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page 67

Adds Volume Service Offering

Please acknowledge receipt of this request by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose. Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-3006 or croesel@tminc.com.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel

Consultant to Access Integrated Networks, Inc.

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cc:

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### **CHECK SHEET**

Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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#### **SECTION 8 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

# 8.1 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

Arrangements will be developed on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) in response to a bona fide special request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service, or to establish rates for services for which the Company has not yet established generically tariffed rates. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis.

#### 8.2 Contracts

The Company may provide any of the services offered under this tariff, or combinations of services, to Customers on a contractual basis. The terms and conditions of each contract offering are subject to the agreement of both the Customer and Company. Such contract offerings will be made available to similarly situated Customers in substantially similar circumstances. Rates in other sections of this tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements, with respect to services within the scope of the contract.

Services provided under contract are not eligible for any promotional offerings which may be offered by the Company from time to time.

# 8.3 Volume Service Offering

Customers with a timely payment history and average monthly billed switched access MOU volume greater than or equal to 5.5 million (consisting of at least 3 million originating and 2.5 million terminating, interstate and intrastate MOUs combined) during the twelve (12) months preceding the effective date of this offering qualify for the Volume Service Offering.

The following rates are applicable to customers qualifying for the Volume Service Offering in lieu of the rates found in Sections 5.4.3 and 5.4.4:

### **Local Switching**

- Per Originating Minute
- Per Terminating Minute
\$0.018850
\$0.025350

#### Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service

Per Query \$0.004875

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